

### **3.00 Representation of Parties**

**3.03 Corporations.** If a plaintiff corporation, at the time of filing the small claims action, has assets under \$1,000,000 and if it is a close corporation as set forth in G.L. 1956 § 7-1.2-1701, then an officer of the corporation may designate by affidavit a representative to prosecute claims in a small claims action provided that the affidavit of designation has been filed with the division of the District Court in which the claim has been filed. The affidavit of designation shall be attached to the Small Claims Notice of Suit before the filing is accepted by the clerk. All other plaintiff corporations must be represented by an attorney. See G.L. 1956 § 10-16-3.1. A defendant corporation must be represented by an attorney, no exceptions. For purposes of small claims actions, a corporation is defined as any entity that is (1) a corporation; (2) a LLC; (3) a LLP; or (4) any other entity that is required to register with the secretary of state in order to transact business in this state.